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My dear Mr. Secretary:

Almost half of my life has been devoted to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and its many varied and complex problems. I have carried the burdens of the office of the Director since 1924.

During my service with the Bureau, with the aid and cooperation of a competent staff and skilled employees, much has been accomplished to increase efficiency and reduce production costs. There is yet much to be done and it may require several years of hard work to bring the constructive objectives to completion.

I feel now that younger hands should take over the management of the Bureau, therefore, I should like to retire on November 1, 1954.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the privilege and honor of serving under your inspiring leadership.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. W. Hall
Director

Honorable George M. Humphrey

Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Mr. Hall:

It is with regret that I am acceding to the request in your letter of October 1, 1954, and approving your application for retirement as Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. I am doing so as I can fully appreciate your desire to enjoy a well-earned rest and be relieved of the many burdens you have carried for thirty years directing the operations of the Bureau.

You will be missed both officially and personally by your many Treasury friends and associates, and I wish to express my appreciation for your loyal devotion to duty and the conscientious efforts you have made over a long period of years to improve the operations and procedures of the Bureau.

Kindest regards and best wishes for many years of happiness and the best of health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) G. M. Humphrey

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